



Application No. 10/002,676  
Amendment Dated July 31, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of March 29, 2006

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of )  
BRALY et al. ) Examiner: Ahmed, Shamim  
Application No.: 10/002,676 ) Art Unit: 1765  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, and within the period for response extending to July 31, 2006, with a one-month extension of time. Please note that July 29, 2006, is a Saturday. Therefore, the period for response with a one-month extension of time extends to Monday, July 31, 2006. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.